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SWITZERLAND MOBILIZING ARMY; IS ON VERGE OF WAR

AINAHAU, CLEGHORN ESTATE AND SPOT LOVED BY STEVENSON, SOLD FOR LOTS

Exclusive Residence Section to Be Developed on Beautiful, Palm Shaded Grounds at Waikiki, Made Famous by "R. L. S." in Immortal Works—Was Home of Princess Kaiulani

Ainahu, the beautiful home of the late Governor A. S. Cleghorn at Waikiki and the spot perhaps best loved by Robert Louis Stevenson of any place on the islands, will soon be only a memory, for it has been sold to James W. Pratt and other interests and will immediately be cut up into building lots.

The price of the land, which comprises 11.23 acres, was \$60,000. It is the plan of Mr. Pratt to subdivide the estate into 40 lots and make it an exclusive and one of the most beautiful residential districts in Honolulu. Fine concrete roads and sidewalks will be laid out and a water, gas, electric and sewer system is to be connected with each lot, to be entirely underground.

Already calls for bids for the work are out and the subdividing will be rushed to completion. In laying out the land, however, only the trees necessary to make the roads are to be cut down, which will leave all the rate plants, flowers and trees, with which the grounds abound, for the new owners to dispose of as they see fit. Mr. Pratt said this morning that already he has options for 25 per cent of the lots, the prices for which run from \$3500.

For the past three years the house and land have been leased by Mrs. E. H. Lewis and used as a hotel and it is the intention of Pratt to allow Mrs. Lewis to continue with the hotel without interference.

Recently it was announced that a big New York hotel company was planning to buy the land and erect a modern hotel but with its failure to take the land Pratt's offer was accepted.

A few years ago opportunity came to the public to secure this historic estate for a public park. Governor Cleghorn's will devised the property to the territory, under certain restrictions as to the care of the grounds and the hours during which they might be open. A bill to accept the fine gift, passed the senate in 1913 but was killed in the house, and it was admitted at the time that some of the letters under the will had joined in fighting against the acceptance bill. Thus the public's opportunity passed forever, the legislators taking the attitude, so far as they went on record, that the restrictions on the use of the estate were such it was not wise to accept it as public property.

While it has been expected for some time that Ainahu would be disposed of by the trustees, the fact that it is to be cut up into building lots came as a surprise to the many people who admire the beautiful home of Governor Cleghorn and his daughter, the loved Princess Kaiulani, for the many happy memories with which it is associated in their minds. During the days of the monarchy it was the scene of many pleasant gatherings and even to this day a spirit of romance seems to hang about the visitor as he wanders through the lanes beneath the waving palms and coconut trees.

Stevenson's famous poem to Kaiulani will always be associated with Ainahu.

Forbes Suffers Breakdown; Is In Sanitarium

Wireless advices received this morning by Governor Pinkham from San Francisco state that Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, is ill in Adler's Sanitarium, suffering from a nervous breakdown and from stomach trouble.

No other information is contained in the dispatch as to how serious the illness of the superintendent is or how long he will probably remain there.

Forbes left here several weeks ago for his health, announcing that he intended to have an operation for appendicitis before his return, but that he would be back in five weeks. Advices this week at the public works department announced that he was in San Francisco and would take the Matsushima, arriving here January 30. During his trip to the mainland Forbes went as far East as Washington and Boston, hurrying back to the Pacific Coast.

Ocampo Case to Go Up to Civil Service Board

The case of Alfred Ocampo, a suspected Filipino detective and interpreter in Capt. McDuffie's department, has gone to the civil service board. Sheriff Sheriff has written a letter to that body asking them to hold a hearing but no meeting date has been set. The sheriff had previously announced that he would conduct his own investigation and hearing of Ocampo's alleged misdeeds with a young Japanese girl.

WORK OF LOCAL KINDERGARTENS HIGHLY LAUDED

Annual Meeting of Society is Largely Attended; Officers for 1917 Chosen

That the free kindergartens of Honolulu have gone farther in the working out of progressive ideas than any like organizations elsewhere is acquainted with on the islands, and that they have a highly commendable system of management and organization of children and the direction of individual free play and development, was the tribute paid to the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association by Miss E. L. Smith at the annual meeting of the organization this morning.

Miss Smith pays this compliment after having visited Rome and studied the Montessori system. She also has been associated with the Play School in New York City and with an experimental school in Greenwich, Conn. She has been visiting in Honolulu during the last few months and has taken a keen interest in the work of the local kindergartens.

Reports Cover Much Work
The annual meeting was well attended and a number of interesting reports, covering the work of the last fiscal year, were read. The report of the treasurer showed the finances of the society to be in excellent condition. Officers were re-elected as follows:

Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, president; Mrs. Theodore Richards, first vice-president; Mrs. Walter F. Frear, second vice-president; Mrs. Sanford B. Dole, third vice-president; Mrs. Isaac Cox, recording secretary; Mrs. H. M. Miel, financial secretary; Mrs. A. Rasch, treasurer of the kindergartens and playgrounds; Mrs. E. A. Ross, treasurer of Castle Home; James L. Cockburn, auditor.

New Committees Named

Following is the personnel of committees:

Hygiene—Mrs. E. D. Kilbourne, chairman; Miss Christine Kemp, publication; Miss E. Gross, chairman; Mrs. Alexander G. Hawes, Miss Margaret Peterson.

Fort street kindergarten—Miss Jennie Parker, chairman; Mrs. A. J. Cammer, Mrs. J. L. McLean, Mrs. David Thrum, Mrs. John Watt.

Miller street—Miss Elvora Sturgeon, chairman; Miss Jessie Kennedy, Miss Pauline Schaefer, Mrs. A. V. Soares, Miss N. Swanzy.

Kaula—Mrs. E. B. Waterhouse, chairman; Miss Alice Cooke, Mrs. F. Hedemann, Mrs. George Isenberg, Mrs. R. C. Walker.

Plama—Miss Margaret Hopper, chairman; Mrs. J. P. Cooke, Mrs. K. Ishida, Mrs. J. A. McCandless, Mrs. W. L. Moore.

Muriel—Mrs. Theodore Richards, chairman; Mrs. Charles H. Atherton, Mrs. J. B. Guard, Mrs. O. H. Gulick, Mrs. James Morgan, Mrs. John Wadman.

Kolih—Mrs. Charles H. McVey, chairman; Mrs. Theodore Cooke, Miss Eleanor Gartley, Miss Mona Hind, Miss Harriet Lucas.

Beretania—Miss Beatrice Castle, chairman; Miss Harriet Hatch, Mrs. Arthur Rice, Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, Miss Mary von Holt.

Buildings and grounds—Mrs. M. F. Prosser, chairman; Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. George Waterhouse.

Training school—Miss Frances Lawrence, chairman; Mrs. Howard Bowen, Miss A. H. Newton.

Castle Home—Supervision: Mrs. H. C. Coleman, chairman; Miss Beatrice Castle, Mrs. Wallace F. Farrington, Miss F. M. Good, Admission, and regulations: Mrs. A. N. Campbell, chairman; Mrs. J. P. Cooke, Mrs. Willard Brown, Mrs. A. W. T. Bottomley, Mrs. John P. Erdman.

"SHORT-BALLOT" CITY CHARTER IS COMMITTEE IDEA

Representatives of Civic Bodies Differ From Recent Convention

A "short-ballot" charter is favored in principle by the special committee representing commercial and civic bodies, named to draft a charter revision plan for submission to the coming legislature.

Four members of the committee met last evening in the Chamber of Commerce and had a two-hour discussion. They were: Ex-Governor Frear, for the Chamber of Commerce; J. M. McChesney for the Civic Federation; Prof. John M. Young, for the Commercial Club, and H. E. Vernon, for the Rotary Club. They did not reach any definite decision as to the amendments to the present charter they favor, or the form of a new charter, if an entirely new one is drafted. Another meeting is to be held Monday night.

It was evident in the discussion last night, Mr. McChesney said today, that the committee favor as few elective officers for the city as possible. Among the features discussed were the "recall," the "referendum," and the number of supervisors, but these were talked of only briefly.

While the civic committee is discussing amendments, the Oahu delegation of legislative members is caucusing on various legislative matters and on Wednesday night discussed charter changes. The delegation apparently is not working toward the "short-ballot" charter.

Last night the civic committee discussed whether it is wise to proceed with its work in view of the rapidly in which the Oahu delegation is going ahead on charter suggestions, but it was finally decided to continue. Possibly the two bodies may meet for an exchange of ideas.

The civic committee's ideas are radically different from those of the chamber of commerce, which espoused a "retaining" the "long-ballot." This charter proposal was up before the Oahu delegation Wednesday night.

STOCKHOLDERS WILL VOTE UPON IMPROVEMENTS

Rapid Transit Meeting Called to Sanction Plans Advanced By Board of Directors

That the plans for the extension of the track system of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company will be started as soon as possible was learned today from A. L. Castle, secretary of the company.

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for Friday, January 26, at which time they will be asked to approve the recommendations, made last October by the directors to move the track on Kalakaua to a center position, double track King street from Fort Shafter to the point where the cars cross Waikiki swamps, and construct a new line from Liliha along School to Kalihi and up Kalihi to the Kaula tract. To pay for this the stockholders will be asked also to authorize the increase of the capital stock \$400,000.

The first work to be undertaken is that on Kalakaua, to be followed by the double tracking of King and then the School and Kalihi line will be put in.

Another matter which will come before the meeting will be the calling in and redemption of the outstanding bond issue amounting to \$528,000, which is due May 1, 1917, and the authorizing of the issuance of another bond issue to amount to \$1,500,000, the latter to be used as required.

BOPP'S DEFENSE ASKS NEW TRIAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—A copy of a motion denying the jurisdiction of the United States courts over the persons of German Consul General Franz Bopp and Vice-Consul E. H. von Schack was filed with United States District Attorney Preston today as the latest move of the defense in the "bomb conspiracy" cases in which Bopp and his associates have been convicted of plotting to blow up munition ships and trains carrying material for the Allies. Theodore Roche, Bopp's attorney, has moved for a new trial.

Today if the growth of local supervised playgrounds during the last year is an indication.

Honolulu Picked For Spring Work By Coast Leaguers

Ideal Climate of Hawaii Brings Portland Beavers Here for Four Weeks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—The Portland baseball club of the Pacific Coast League will do its spring training in Honolulu this year. Formal announcement was made today by Manager Walter McCredie that the Portland management has accepted the offer of business men to pay part of the expenses of the trip. The team will reach Honolulu from Vancouver, B. C., on February 21. Thirty men will be taken.

Simultaneously today the Star-Bulletin and Alfred L. Castle received news that the Portland Beavers are coming here for spring training. Mr. Castle received from the Portland club a wireless which said in part: "Accept. Get us decent hotel accommodations."

Whereupon Castle hurried out to canvass the hotel proposition which, in the present state of congestion, is not an easy task.

Developments in the move to bring the Beavers here have been rapid. On January 3 the Star-Bulletin first printed the news that McCredie, anxious to find an ideal climate to train his expensive team, had the Honolulu trip in mind. This paper, through its sporting columns, began to boom the plan of local cooperation.

Mr. Castle, always ready to work for the interests of clean sport and alive to the advertising possibilities of the Portland visit, took up the campaign at once. On behalf of Athletic Park he hurried a letter to McCredie. Last night an Associated Press dispatch said that McCredie was anxious to come. On the sporting page today appears an article on this feature, and it was only a short time after the sporting page went to press that the Associated Press despatch and the private message to Castle declared the trip a certainty. The team will be here four weeks.

BOARD PERMITS MEETING IN PARK

At a meeting of the board of supervisors this noon permission was granted Harry Murray to hold a rally for the water and sewer bonds Tuesday evening at Ala Park beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Hawaiian band will furnish music and the meeting will be opened by a moving picture show illustrating the need for the proposed systems. Among the speakers who will talk in favor of the bonds are Col. C. J. McCarthy, J. A. Hughes, Rev. Akaka Akana, Judge F. M. Hatch and others.

The meeting of the board was called for the purpose of passing the pay rolls and no further business was taken up. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, but will probably be adjourned early in order that the members may attend the rally.

MURDERER FACES DEATH IN SILENCE

Abandoning the apparently irritable state of mind which has characterized his actions for several weeks past, Yee Yo Keuk, Korean murderer now under sentence of death, has lapsed into almost absolute quietness, according to prison officials. The date set for Keuk's hanging is one week from today.

Shouting and jabbering at officers who passed in front of his cell have been noticed for some time heretofore, but now Keuk says practically nothing. Occasionally the former gunman takes up his old claim that people are attempting to poison him, but at other times he remains quiet.

Keuk is not entirely aloof to visitors, and of late a Korean minister has made several visits to his cell. A death watch is kept constantly now and will be continued until the execution.

ONE EDITOR CHARGES ANOTHER WITH LIBEL

Because he published an article alleged to be injurious to the reputation of T. Toyama, Japanese magazine editor, Kusaka Haga, editor of the Hawaii Hochi, Fred Makino's Japanese newspaper, is facing a libel suit preferred against him by the attorney with Toyama as the complaining witness. Haga has taken his case to circuit court on a demand for a jury trial. E. C. Peters is assisting the prosecution and J. B. Lightfoot is attorney for the defendant.

Paper covers to protect automobiles in storage have been invented.

MENACE OF CIRCLING ARMIES POINTED OUT BY COMMANDER; SYRIA STARVATION IS HORROR

REPORTS TO ROME FROM ISOLATED SECTIONS BRING FIRST NEWS OF SUFFERINGS SAID TO HAVE WIPED OUT 510,000—PRUSSIAN DIET MEMBER COUNSELS SUBMARINE WAR, BUT TONE OF SPEECH IS MODERATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, France, Jan. 19.—With the armies of the belligerents circling her mountain borders and the fear of an invasion that will violate her neutrality, Switzerland is mobilizing her army.

The second and fifth divisions have been called to the colors and are being encamped ready for instant action along the borders. Gen. Will, commander of the Swiss military organization, wishes to mobilize the entire army, warning the government leaders that the danger is grave, but he is opposed by the federal council, which says that there is no necessity for such elaborate preparations.

Rumors that the little country is menaced by an invasion of Teutons are responsible for the action. Reports yesterday said that the Teutons were massing large bodies of men in the vicinity of Basel, said to be with the idea that possibly the Germans might wish to strike through Switzerland at the French in Alsace.

Talks Are Moderate In Prussian Diet

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 19.—The Prussian Diet, meeting today, gives promise of a significant session. Already members of the diet have shown that the house will assume the role of critic of the government, which the Reichstag at its recent session carefully refrained from taking.

However, a prediction that immediately on the opening of the session a vigorous attack would be made on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg turned out to be incorrect. There was no drastic criticism today of the chancellor's policies and acts.

One of the members, von Heydbrand, made a speech, as the Conservative leader, in favor of unrestricted use of the submarines as an essential to Teuton victory, but the tone of his address was moderate and was not characterized, as predictions had hinted, by attacks on the United States.

BERLIN THREATENS FRENCH PRISONERS

Says Enemy Not Treating Subjects Well, So Will Take Reprisal Measures

(German Official)

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 19.—Official statement issued here says: Recently the unworthiness of the treatment and lodging of German prisoners in the fire zone of the French district of operations was pointed out and at the same time it was communicated that the French government was taking measures in order to modify this intolerable state.

The French government had been sent a note indicating the period in which time was given to answer to the effect that all war prisoners in the operation district must be transported back at least 30 kilometers behind the firing line, assembled in well equipped camps and put on a footing of equality with French war prisoners in Germany, as regards mail service and visits by representatives of neutral embassies.

It was announced that in case of refusal, several thousand French war prisoners would be transported behind the German front into the fire zone and submitted to the same conditions as the German war prisoners behind the French front.

Since the French government has not answered in the term fixed—January 15, 1917—it is announced that reprisals will now be carried out. These reprisals will continue until the German request is fulfilled by the French government.

FOREIGN WAR VETERANS DISCUSS PERMANENT HALL

Plans for securing a permanent hall for meetings were discussed last night by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 94, at a session in the Capitol, and Post Commander Ernest W. Ely was named as a committee of one to report at the next meeting.

Commander William Carleton was installed last night in the first meeting that has been held since the regular election some weeks ago. Commander Ely also acted as installing officer, urging upon members cooperation and hard work for the organization in the coming year.

James C. Warrington was receiving \$30 a month from the Great Northern as fifth officer, according to Police Officer A. E. Carter, and not \$56 as stated in the Star-Bulletin story of the Warrington non-support case Thursday. Warrington stated on the stand that he "drew" \$56 for the month and it was taken that this was his wage.

WALL NAMED ON BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Governor Pinkham today announced the appointment of Dr. Ormond E. Wall as a member of the territorial board of dental examiners, succeeding Dr. Albert J. Derby. The former member left the territory some time ago, having made, it is said, a fortune in Angels Copper mining stock. His absence made necessary the new appointment.

Syria Starvation Declared Appalling

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

ROME, Italy, Jan. 19.—Stories of starvation from war famine more horrible than any the war has yet brought forth are beginning to reach Rome from the isolated sections of Turkish territory, out of which news rarely comes to the Allied powers or the neutral world.

The Corriere d'Italia, an influential newspaper, has received information that not less than 510,000 persons have died of starvation in Syria, and that all the territory from near the Gulf of Suez to Mesopotamia and Turkey proper is in desperate need. The district around Lebanon, between Aleppo and Jerusalem, is said to be suffering especially.

The increase of suicides has reached an appalling situation. Similar horrors are declared to be existing in Palestine and parts of the interior inhabited by Christians.

MANY SPANISH VESSELS ARE BEING SUNK NOW IN GENERAL SUBMARINE RAIDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 19.—A submarine has sunk the Spanish steamer Manuel. The crew is saved.

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 19.—Lloyd's agency today announces that it has news of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Valle in the war zone. Other vessels reported sunk today are the Norwegian steamer Bergabhus and the Danish steamer Dagmar.

RUSSIANS CAPTURED NEARLY 500,000 IN CAMPAIGNS OF 1916

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 19.—A Central News despatch from Petrograd declares that more than 428,000 officers and men were captured by the Russians in various campaigns of 1916. It adds that the Slavs also took a vast amount of material as booty.

AUSTRIAN MILITARY TRAIN WRECKED, MAIL TRAIN OVER BRIDGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 19.—Vienna reports to the Exchange Telegraph Agency say that seven persons were killed and 14 injured in the wreck of a train on the Vienna-Trieste line, near Trefal. The mail train was hurled in the earth by a long fall. A military train was also wrecked.

TODAY'S SLAV ATTACKS REPULSED, SAYS BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 19.—Russian attacks on positions in northern Rumania, north of the Suctisa valley, failed today with heavy losses for the Slavs.

RUSSIAN DUMA CALLED TO MEET FEBRUARY 27

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)